tained; whether the original time schedule will be adhered to and the requirement of the user industries will be met in accordance with their scheduled requirement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) It is expected that there will be no cost escalation in the execution of the project on account of the delay of about three months in taking the final decision on the award of the contract; Adequate indigenous content in the project is being ensured by way of participation of many Indian public and private undertakings. All efforts are being made to ensure that the pace of project implementation is maintained without let-up, the original time schedule is adhered to, and the gas requirements of user industries are met in accordance with their schedule.

Erection of captive power plants by CIL

533. SHRI RAMANAND YADAV: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are proposals before the Coal India Limited to have captive power plants with a view to maintain the production target and regular power supply to its coal washery plants and projects of its different subsidiaries; and

(b) if so, how many captive power plants/projects Coal India Limited has decided to erect; which are the places where these captive power plants will be located and what will be the financial involvement?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of the three captive power plants proposed to be set up in Coal India subsidiaries are given below:

Name of the Mine/Washery	Name of the coal Co.	Capacity of captive power plant	Amount Rs. crores
(1) Chinakuri mine	ECL	2×10 MW	
(2) Kathara-Kargali-Swang mines & washeries	CCL	2×10 MW	Rs. 147·60
(3) Moonidih mine & washery	BCCL	2×10 MW	

Production of power by private sector

534. SHRI THANGABAALU: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given permission to private sectors to generate power; if so, how many parties have been given such permission to start power units in Tamilnadu and what are the names;

(b) what would be the total kilowatt of power they will produce and by when those projects will be completed; and

(c) if so, whether it is a deviation from our original policy in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Apart from the already existing private sector Power Utilities, no new pri-